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Note by the Secretariat

1. By a letter dated 4 April 2018 addressed to the Chair of the International Law Commission, Roman A. Kolodkin submitted his resignation from the Commission. There is therefore one casual vacancy in the membership of the Commission.

2. In this case, article 11 of the Statute of the Commission is applicable. It prescribes that:

> "In the case of a vacancy, the Commission itself shall fill the vacancy having due regard to the provisions contained in articles 2 and 8 above."

Article 2 reads:

> "1. The Commission shall consist of thirty-four members who shall be persons of recognized competence in international law.
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> 2. No two members of the Commission shall be nationals of the same State.
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> 3. In case of dual nationality a candidate shall be deemed to be a national of the State in which he ordinarily exercises civil and political rights."

Article 8 reads:

> "At the election the electors shall bear in mind that the persons to be elected to the Commission should individually possess the qualifications required and that in the Commission as a whole representation of the main forms of civilization and of the principle systems of the world should be assured."

3. The term of the member to be elected by the Commission will expire at the end of 2021.

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Addendum

List of candidates

1. As at 13 April 2018, the name of the following candidate had been submitted for the seat that has become vacant as a consequence of the resignation of Roman A. Kolodkin:

Evgeny Zagaynov (Russian Federation)

2. The curriculum vitae of the candidate is contained in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae*

Evgeny Zagaynov (Russian Federation)

Career résumé

Evgeny T. Zagaynov is a career diplomat and one of the leading legal professionals in the Russian Federation with nearly 30 years of progressively responsible experience in international law and international relations. He benefits from a combination of practical and academic experience in international law. He currently serves as a Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (in a position of the Director of the Legal Department of the Ministry). Within delegated authority, he advises the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, supervises the development and implementation of the Russian official position on the matters of international law, identifies legal challenges and takes strategic decisions on policy and actions in the legal field.

Education

1984–1989	Moscow Institute of International Relations
	Graduated with a degree in International Law
1989	Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR
	Course in International Law and International Relations

Professional experience

2018–present	Director of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2013–2018	Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York

- Participated in drafting of many international instruments, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015); the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (2016); the Outcome Document of the 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem; numerous resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly
- Alternate Representative of the Russian Federation in the United Nations Security Council, the United Nations General Assembly (with particular focus on the work of the Sixth and Third Committees), the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Senior Representative of the Russian Federation in the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

- Alternate Representative of the Russian Federation in the Advisory Board of the United Nations Center for Counter-Terrorism (UNCCT)
- Head of the Russian delegation at the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- Representative of the Russian Federation at four sessions of the Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (2015–2017)
- Deputy Head of the Russian delegation at the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem (2016)
- Head of the Russian delegation at the Sixth Ministerial Plenary Meeting of the Global Counter-Terrorism Forum (GCTF) (2015)
- Representative of the Russian Federation at the Leaders' Summit on Countering ISIL and Violent Extremism (2015)
- Head of the Russian delegation at the 18th and 19th Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; the 34th and 35th Meetings of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the 8th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the 25th and 26th Meetings of the States Parties of the International Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination; the 15th and 16th Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Head of the Russian delegation at the 13th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2014)
- Head of the Russian delegation at the sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

2009–2013 Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

- Supervised legal analysis of draft acts and decisions of the Government and international legal instruments. Facilitated international contacts, including work of bilateral commissions on economic cooperation with Japan, Singapore, United Kingdom and Viet Nam. Participated in negotiations with the Organization on Economic Development and Cooperation; preparation of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Vladivostok (Russia)

	– Executive Secretary of the Government Commission on Economic Development and Integration
2006–2009	Deputy Director of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
	– Agent of the Russian Federation before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the "Hoshinmaru" Case (Japan v. Russian Federation) and the "Tomimaru" Case (Japan v. Russian Federation) (2007)
	– Head of the Russian delegation at the 14th session of International Seabed Authority (ISA). Directed the negotiations on the Regulations on prospecting and exploration for polymetallic sulphides in the Area (adopted in 2010)
	– Head of the Russian delegation at the 17th and 18th Meetings of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
	– Head of the Russian delegation at the 50th and 51st sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the 46th, 47th and 48th sessions of the Legal Subcommittee of the COPUOS
	– Deputy Head of the Russian delegation at the negotiations with Norway (2007–2009) on the Treaty concerning Maritime Delimitation and Cooperation in the Barents Sea and the Arctic Ocean (signed in 2010) and the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Norway on the Maritime Delimitation in the Varanger Fjord Area (signed in 2007)
	– Head of the Russian delegation at the negotiations with Poland (2008–2009) on the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Poland on navigation in the Kaliningrad (Vistula) Lagoon (signed in 2009)
	– Member of the Russian delegations to different fora of the Arctic States, including on the issues of the cooperation and extended continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean
2003–2006	Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and other international organizations, Geneva
	– Supervised the work on the issues of the International Labour Organization (ILO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), International Law Commission (ILC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
	– Participated in negotiations on establishment of the UN Human Rights Council (resolution of the General Assembly 60/251 "Human Rights Council" (2006))

2000–2003	First Secretary, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow
	– Member of the Russian delegation to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002)
	– Rapporteur of the IV Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection, XXIV Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (Saint Petersburg, 2001)
	– Member of the Russian delegations to multilateral and bilateral meetings on fisheries, including with the United States, Norway and Iceland
1989–2000	Attaché, Third, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation/USSR
	Diplomat in the Russian Embassies in Havana (Cuba), and Sofia (Bulgaria)
	Diplomat in the Latin America Department

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Participated in the drafting of a number of important multilateral treaties and instruments:

– Draft Convention on the Status of the Caspian Sea

– Treaty on Eurasian Economic Union

– Ilulissat Declaration of the Arctic States

– ILO Maritime Labour Convention

– ILO Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention (Revised) (No.185)

– UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage

– The Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks

– Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development

Diplomatic rank: Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Author of a number of publications on international law (published in Russian in the Moscow Journal of International Law and "International Affairs" Journal).

Member of the Russian Association of International Law.

Guest lecturer on International Law at the Moscow Institute of International Relations and Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (2006–2009).

Languages: Russian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Bulgarian (fluent), French (oral and written comprehension).